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1. ALL FOUR ATTORNIES LISTED PARA 2, REF A, ENJOY GOOD REPUTATION. ALL SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN EDUCATED IN THE U .S. SOLLY FRIEDMAN APPARENTLY SPECIALIZES IN INSURANCE MATTERS AND REPRESENTS THE NATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY ZIM, ETC. PETER GAD NASCHITZ ALSO SPECIALIZES IN INSURANCE. AMON RAFAEL HAS INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE BUT HIS MAIN SPECIALTY IS TAXES. AS FAR AS EMBASSY ABLE TO DETERMINE ANY OF THESE WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR OPIC, BUT NONE APPEARS TO HAVE SPECIALIZED IN INVESTMENT MATTERS.

2. AS REQUESTED PARA 2, REF B, EMBASSY FORWARDED TEXT TO MESSRS. MORITZ AND RAFAEL.

3. IN ADDITION TO MORITZ, WHO HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN INVESTMENT MATTERS, OPIC MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER WILLIAM GOLDFARB, A U.S.-TRAINED LAWYER WHO PRACTICED IN THE U.S. BEFORE MOVING TO ISRAEL. HE HANDLES INVESTMENT MATTERS AND HAS REPRESENTED SOME PRIVATE COMPANIES WITH REGARD TO OPIC FINANCING.

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